

# **JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT AMERICAN EMBASSY – ACCRA**

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**OPEN TO:** U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs)

**POSITION:** **CONSULAR ASSISTANT, FP-8**

**POSITION NO:** Position number FMA-97028034

**OPENING DATE:** September 4, 2009

**CLOSING DATE:** OPEN UNTIL FILLED

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** AEFMs (Position Grade: FP-08 if confirmed  
by Washington)

**LENGTH OF HIRE:** Indefinite

The U.S. Embassy in Accra, Ghana is seeking an AEFM for the position of a **CONSULAR ASSISTANT** in the Consular Section of the Embassy.

## **BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

The incumbent supports the daily operation of the Consular Section's Immigrant Visa/Diversity Visa (IV/VD) unit. He/she manages high volume of written correspondence with visa applicants and Congressional offices. The incumbent assists with processing visa applicants, including document collection and review, appointment scheduling, case note preparation file maintenance, database updating, fingerprint collection, and passport distribution.

The incumbent responds to public inquiries about the visa process and assists with special projects as needed. He/she manages database (Lexis Nexis and PIERS) searches for IV cases.

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

1. Completion of High School.
2. Two (2) years of clerical or office work experience.
3. Level Four (fluent) in written and spoken English.
4. Able to work under pressure.
5. Ability to type and have good knowledge of basic computer operations.
6. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook and Excel.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Currently employed US Citizen EFM's who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

## **TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Optional Application for U.S. Federal Employment (OF-612); or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as an OF-612;

3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.
5. A telephone number, post office box and/or e-mail address where we can contact you to schedule an interview.

**NOTE:**

1. All applications must have the **Position Number** and **Position Title** identified.
2. All “Hard Copy”/printed applications must be submitted to the Mail Room at the Chancery. Hard Copy Applications submitted through any other office will not be accepted. You may apply on-line using the [AccraHRO@state.gov](mailto:AccraHRO@state.gov) email address. **This is the preferred means of applying** for a position with the American Embassy. Please go to our website for additional information, including current openings and tips on applying with the American Embassy in Accra. [http://ghana.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://ghana.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)
3. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FOR AN OPEN/ADVERTIZED POSITION. APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED FOR A JOB WILL NOT BE HELD/CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE JOBS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU MUST RE-APPLY.**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Human Resources Office  
Through the Mailroom, Chancery  
American Embassy, Accra  
P.O. Box G.P. 194, Accra

**POINT OF CONTACT:**

Telephone: 021-741000  
Fax: 021-741389  
E-mail: [AccraHRO@state.gov](mailto:AccraHRO@state.gov)

To get a copy of this vacancy announcement, please log on to our website at:  
[http://ghana.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://ghana.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)

## DEFINITIONS

1. AEFM: A type of EFM that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided s/he meets all of the following criteria:
  - US citizen;
  - Spouse or dependent who is at least age 18;
  - Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;
  - Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safehaven abroad, or alternate safehaven abroad; and
  - Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the US Civil, Foreign or uniform services.
2. EFM: Family Members at least age 18 listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed to a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.
3. Member of Household: A MOH is a person who: 1) Has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign service post or establishment abroad; 2) Has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) Resides at post with the sponsoring employee.
4. Ordinarily Resident (OR): A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.
5. Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Typically NORs are US Citizen EFMs and EFMs of FS, GS, and uniformed service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

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*The US Mission in Accra, Ghana, provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.*

*The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.*